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As the week began prices were lower on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes in all areas except in New York where all prices were unchanged. As the week progressed prices in New York were sharply higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm on the larger weights and usually steady on mediums. Demand was moderate to very good. Supplies were tight to barely sufficient on the larger sizes and adequate to available on medium eggs. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher. Checks and undergrade prices were unchanged. Demand was light to instances moderate with offerings tight to barely adequate. Producers continue to hold heavy shell eggs in anticipation of moving additional product into retail channels. Floor stocks were closely balanced to adequate. Schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was. Removal costs for spent hens were unchanged. Demand was fair to fairly good and best into traditional processors of spent hens. Offerings were tight to adequate with a fairly good demand. The trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0-6 cents, mostly 3-5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Large prices were 2 cents higher to producers in IA-MN-WI with all other prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for the larger sizes and steady for mediums. Retail demand was good to very good. Loose egg movement was usually moderate. Supplies were balanced to tight for the larger sizes and adequate to fully adequate for mediums. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was light to instances moderate for the tight to barely adequate offerings. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62-71	65-68
LARGE	61-70	63-66
MEDIUM	45-54	47-50
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA		

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however the larger sizes were trending sharply higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for the larger sizes, but noted as steady for medium eggs. Demand was reported as moderate to instances good. Supplies ranged balanced to tight on the larger sizes and fully adequate on medium eggs. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for short to fully adequate offerings. Spent hen supplies were about adequate to adequate for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-83	71-75
LARGE	64-78	69-73
MEDIUM	53-66	58-60
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

COMBINED REGIONAL

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Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	73.00	71.00	62.00
SOUTHEAST	76.50	74.50	61.00
MIDWEST	66.50	64.50	52.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	76.50	76.50	62.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	73.25	71.83	59.60

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN			
	12-13-05	12-06-05	12-14-04
Large	43-52	43-52	47-55
Medium	27-33	31-37	16-21

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- DECEMBER 12, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.1	16.8	7.5	15.5	12.4	64.3
	Change	-0.4	-6.7	0.4	-4.5	1.3	-13%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.1	35.6	13.5	30.8	37.7	143.7
	Change	-1.5	-15.3	-1.0	-3.8	-0.2	-13%
Large	Curr Wk	46.4	126.0	83.2	119.1	104.9	479.6
	Change	2.8	-19.6	6.0	2.6	-0.8	-2%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.1	57.4	16.9	18.5	34.4	141.3
	Change	-0.2	-7.2	2.4	-0.4	-0.4	-4%
Small	Curr Wk	6.5	7.5	0.9	2.7	3.1	20.7
	Change	0.1	0.4	-0.1	-1.1	-0.5	-5%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.6	28.2	11.0	12.5	5.0	59.3
	Change	0.2	-4.0	-2.0	0.8	0.9	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.5	40.1	27.1	24.1	26.3	135.1
	Change	1.8	-4.2	0.2	-4.7	1.5	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	125.3	311.6	160.1	223.2	223.8	1044.0
	Percent Change	2%	-15%	4%	-5%	1%	-5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1044.0	-5%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	231.6	-6%	35
Total Shell Egg	1275.6	-5%	204

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 169 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 10-DEC-05(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,248,908	30,999	10,774	6,194	2,313	4,178
PW	1,291,133	32,148	11,263	6,176	2,469	4,375
LY	1,286,728	31,959	11,639	6,655	2,188	4,522
% Chg PWK	-3%	-4%	-4%	0%	-6%	-5%
% Chg LY	-3%	-3%	-7%	-7%	6%	-8%
2005	64,183,958	1,529,519	616,599	330,692	140,740	216,834
2004	60,821,513	1,448,555	583,941	315,818	129,875	209,205
% Chg YTD	6%	6%	6%	5%	8%	4%
Average Yield Per Case -		Current	Previous	Last		
		Week	Week	Year		
(Inedible Included)		41.75	41.79	42.57		
(Inedible Excluded)		38.41	38.41	39.05		

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	535,123	42.8%	15,353	49.5%
PREVIOUS WEEK	545,493	42.2%	15,425	48.0%
LAST YEAR	510,074	39.6%	13,690	42.8%

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	DEC 03	DEC 10	DEC 03	DEC 10
	Thousand			
AL	31,711	31,525	21,090	21,533
AR	31,284	31,147	*24,197	24,594
DE	4,017	4,047	5,068	5,750
FL	1,374	1,364	1,719	1,573
GA	33,839	34,019	26,756	27,776
KY	6,599	7,123	*5,749	5,856
LA	4,136	4,136	4,235	3,828
MD	8,885	8,889	5,456	5,192
MS	18,704	18,661	15,850	16,707
NC	17,807	18,456	14,963	15,180
OK	*6,675	6,636	*5,101	5,181
PA	*4,036	4,200	*3,023	3,007
SC	5,097	5,089	3,865	3,114
TX	*15,159	15,160	*12,610	12,840
VA	6,378	6,393	5,342	4,946
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,687	17,024	*16,690	16,504

19 State Total *213,388 213,869 *171,714 173,581

Previous Year Total 208,114 209,584 170,790 171,447

Pct. of Prev. Year 103 102 101 101

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 21-Jan-06 is estimated at 159.0 million head. This compares to 156.9 million head the previous week and to 161.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 151.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.05 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/08/05-12/14/05

CURRENT LDS 84.00 FUTURE LDS 94.75 TOTAL LDS 178.75

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	49.50	56.88	53.50	54.29	50.27	51.17	53.00
GNR W 2	—	—	51.75	53.50	—	—	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	76.00	—	—	98.00	79.00	5.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	59.40	73.00	4.50
GL W XL	—	69.00	64.50	65.32	59.18	—	38.00
GL W LG	64.00	68.67	60.50	62.50	56.24	56.40	50.75
GL W MD	52.00	45.00	47.50	44.33	34.52	37.25	19.00
GL W SM	38.00	41.00	36.07	38.14	33.00	35.75	5.50
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	34.22	35.08	28.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	46.00	—	35.00	4.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	32.00	1.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	16.50	18.00	1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 10-DEC-2005

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
Atlanta	28.5	27.9	2	8
Boston	2.6	3.1	-16	-16
Chicago	94.5	97.9	-3	58
Detroit	40.3	22.0	83	11
Kansas City	4.5	7.1	-37	7
Los Angeles	116.7	109.1	7	32
New Orleans	5.2	6.8	-24	-41
New York	34.2	30.0	14	8
St. Louis	24.7	17.7	40	36
San Francisco	20.0	18.9	6	0
Total	371.2	340.5	9	25
4 Week Moving Avg.	360.8			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 10-DEC-05

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	2,229	2,785	11	1	5,026
Avg Wt	15.94	37.91	27.77	40.84	28.14
Last week	1,978	2,572	35	1	4,586
Same wk yr ago	1,850	2,571	46	1	4,468
Avg Wt	16.05	38.35	26.46	34.54	28.99
To-date/2005	90,180	126,618	1,206	210	218,214
To-date/2004	85,510	125,621	2,511	353	213,995

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 10-DEC-05

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	AVG
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD- LIVE WT
North East	931	5	23.60	(A) 932 23.60
South Atlantic	665	8	34.49	(A) 665 34.49
North Central	2,118	5	33.49	(A) 2,118 33.49
South Central	823	23	18.17	(A) 823 18.17
West	488	26	21.71	(A) 488 21.71
U.S. total	5,025(B)	10	28.14	1 5,026 28.14
To-date				
2005	218,004(B)		210	218,214
To-date				
2004	213,642(B)		353	213,995

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 11,000; for the current year to date 1,206,000; for last year to date 2,511,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 10-Dec-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	161,899	1,270	1,483	2,753	518
Avg Wt	5.46	3.29	8.01	5.83	6.92
Last week	164,540	1,281	1,499	2,780	595
Same wk yr ago	159,818	1,534	1,403	2,937	523
Avg Wt	5.21	3.41	8.02	5.61	6.81
To-date/2005	7,885,289	69,632	69,358	138,990	24,453
To-date/2004	7,670,555	66,912	66,585	133,497	23,119

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.9 million head, or 5.4 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Dec-05

CLASS	Current Week 12/17/05(1)	Previous Week 12/10/05
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	162,560(2)	167,977
Light hens	1,462	1,392
Heavy hens	1,448	1,499
Total	165,470	170,868

(1)ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 17-Dec-05 is 157.5 million head compared to 161.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.9 million head or 5.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 24-Dec-05 the estimated available is 158.5 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

	MILLION HEAD		MILLION HEAD		
WEEK ENDING	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
Week ending	Slaughtered	Available	Pct		Wt
November	5	163.9	161.6	101%	5.47
	12	166.0	160.3	104%	5.53
	19	165.6	158.0	105%	5.46
	26	128.0	157.2	81%	5.48
December	3	166.5	157.5	106%	5.47
	10	163.9	158.5	103%	5.46
Year to date		7980.9	8029.6	99%	
December	17		157.9		
	24		155.4		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 12-DEC-2005 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A				COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS		WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	52.00-55.00	56.48	34	:	55.89	73
Los Angeles	79.00	77.31	52	:	72.96	102
New York	55.00-58.00	56.59	22	:	62.86	57

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from 12-DEC-2005	05-DEC-2005	05-DEC-2005	13-DEC-2004
	64.42	-0.08	64.50	68.00
NUMBER OF LOADS	545			

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/			WTD	LBS
8-16 LB HENS	OFFERS	SALES	AVG	(000)
EASTERN REGION 3/	84-86	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-86	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	84-86	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	81-86	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	81-85	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	82-85	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 12/12/05	3,275	29,825	76,987
AM 12/01/05	3,375	33,192	75,095
CHG	-100	-3367	1892
PCT CHG	-3%	-10%	3%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE (7 pounds and up)* Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 12-DEC-05

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	9.75-15.25 CENTS/LB.	12-13	12.58
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	9-15 CENTS/LB.	11-12.75	12.01

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

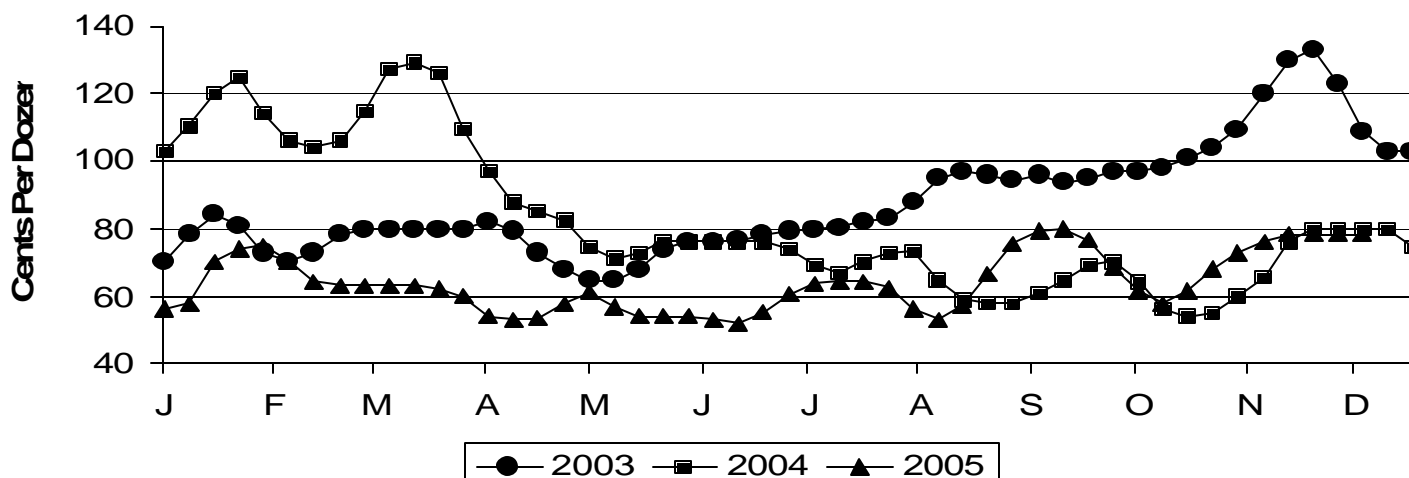
LIGHT TYPE Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

09-DEC-05	<u>REMOVAL COST</u>	
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	3-10	6-8
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-6	3-5

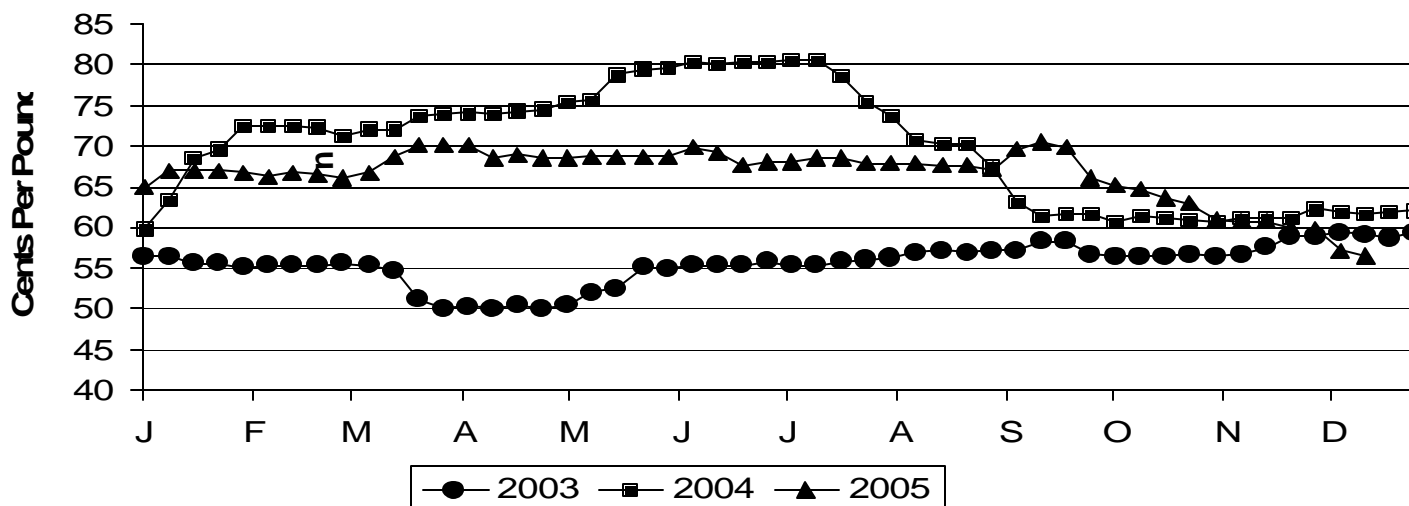
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 10-Dec-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	PW	LY
REGIONS			
North Atlantic	223.3	5	-3
East North Central	594.2	-4	-1
West North Central	284.3	-2	0
South Atlantic	210.0	1	-13
South Central	60.7	-2	-13
West	201.0	8	9
Total	1588.1	-1	-2
Matched Plants reporting		84	84
Areas Covered:	North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)		
	East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN)		
	West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)		
	South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)		
	South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)		
	West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)		

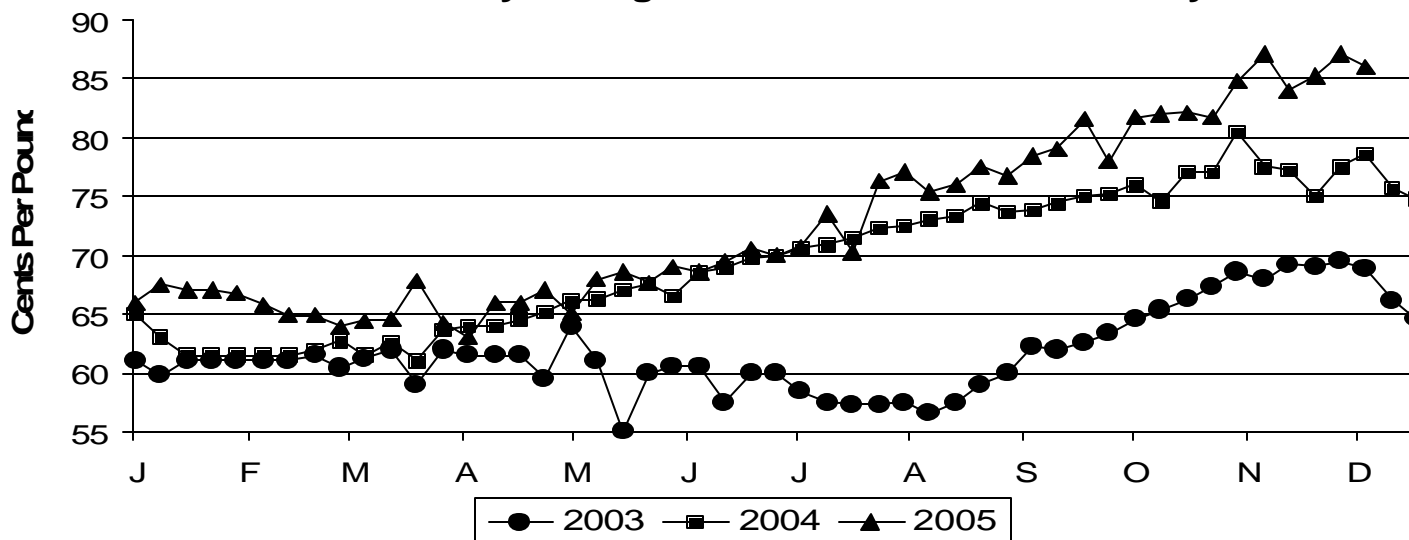
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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